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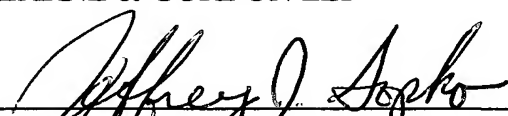
This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated September 30, 2003.  
The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 30, 2003.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention III, claims 22-33 without traverse.

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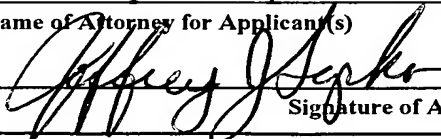
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